

Introduction



Established in 1964 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) through the Colombo Plan funded by the Australian Government, the Central Workshop has been pivotal in advancing the repair and maintenance of biomedical equipment within the Institute. Initially, its workforce underwent comprehensive training in various engineering disciplines in Australia.

In addition to its foundational role, the Central Workshop took on significant projects assigned by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). These projects aimed to train technicians across a spectrum of medical equipment maintenance. Over the years, the workshop has trained 206 individuals from state hospitals in India and from underdeveloped nations across South East Asia, including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Burma.

Beyond maintenance, the Central Workshop actively contributes to ongoing research endeavors within the institute. It fulfills this role by designing and fabricating items or gadgets that are commercially unavailable but essential for research. Furthermore, it undertakes modifications of existing equipment to suit specific departmental requirements.

Location

Situated within a building adjacent to the Laundry and in proximity to the postmortem house, the Department of Central Workshop spans the Basement, Ground Floor, and First Floor.

Additionally, a minor repair center is operational on the 7th floor of the hospital's main building, opposite to lift No.10.

Working Hours

Monday to Friday	:	09:30 am to 05:15 pm
Saturdays	:	09:30 am to 01:15 pm.
Sunday	:	Weekly Off

Presently the Department is headed by Dr. Ganga Prasad, Professor of the Department of Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine & Critical Care, working as the Faculty Coordinator in association with Mr. Nitin Srivastava, Chief Technical Officer who holds the position of Officer In-Charge.